

AGENDA



Thursday, August 7, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 45

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with ALLIED TUBE & CONDUIT CORP., Harvey, IL for the purchase of square steel posts, anchors, and fasteners in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,376,480, with four 12-month extension options in estimated amounts not to exceed \$620,545.06 for the first extension option, \$713,627 for the second extension option, \$856,352 for the third extension option for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$3,567,004.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$76,471 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding for the remaining 34 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Roy Rivers, Buyer II / 974-6434

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract establishes a supply agreement for square steel posts, anchors and fasteners for traffic signs installed by the Public Works Department/Transportation, Traffic Signs. Materials will be stored at a warehouse located at 400 Jesse Street, Austin, TX 78704.

This contract is to provide a reliable supply source for the purchase of hardware used daily for the installation of traffic signs on City right of way. Traffic signs provide information to all road users regarding traffic laws, road conditions, and guidance information contributing to a safe and efficient transportation system, including Stop, Yield, Speed Limit, School Zone and Street Name signs. The traffic signs support system consists of steel square posts, anchors, and fasteners. The steel posts included in this contract meet the breakaway sign support requirement of the Federal Highway Administration. Post and anchor assemblies are used in the installation and repairs of damaged signs. Every year the Traffic Signs section of the Public Works Department installs and maintains more than 36,000 traffic signs throughout the City of Austin. MBE/WBE solicited: 1/2 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Sixty-eight notices were sent, including one MBE and two WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 9% increase from the last contract award in August 2004.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Allied Tube & Conduit Corp. is the current supplier of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Public Works Department's recommended award.

c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.